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Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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(currently amended) A CVD precursor composition for forming a thin film dielectric on l. a substrate, such precursor composition including at least one metalloamide source reagent compound having a formula:

 $M(NR_2)_x(NR'_2)_v$ wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: Hf, Y, La, Lanthanide series elements, and Ta-and Al; N is nitrogen each of R and R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, perfluoroaryl, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ perfluoroalkyl, and alkylsilyl; x and y are different

amino ligands; x is from 1 to 5; y is from 1 to 5; and x+y is equal to the oxidation state of metal

M.

2. (previously amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of x is NMe2.

(previously amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein at 3. least one of x is NEt2.

4. (canceled)

Claim 5 canceled herein.

Claims 6 and 7 previously canceled.

- (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the precursor 8. composition further comprises a solvent medium selected from the group consisting of: ethers, glymes, tetraglymes, amines, polyamines, alcohols, glycols, aliphatic hydrocarbon solvents, aromatic hydrocarbon solvents, cyclic ethers and combinations of two or more of the foregoing.
- (previously amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 5, wherein the 9. precursor composition further comprises a solvent medium selected from the group consisting of: ethers, glymes, tetraglymes, amines, polyamines, alcohols, glycols, aliphatic hydrocarbon

solvents, aromatic hydrocarbon solvents, cyclic ethers and combinations of two or more of the foregoing.

- (previously amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 8, wherein the solvent is octane.
- 11. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the metalloamide source reagent compound is injected by liquid delivery into a chemical vapor deposition chamber.
- 12. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the metalloamide source reagent compounds is delivered by bubbler into a chemical vapor deposition chamber.

Claims 13-15 previously canceled.

16. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the precursor composition comprises multiple metalloamide source reagent compounds.

Claims 17-36 previously canceled.

37. (previously amended) A CVD precursor composition for forming a thin film dielectric on a substrate, such precursor composition including a vapor source reagent mixture including a metalloamide source reagent compound having a formula:

 $M(NR_2)_x(NR'_2)_y$

wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: Hf_1 , Y, La, Lanthanide series elements, and Ta_1 and Al; N is nitrogen each of R and R is independently selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, perfluoroaryl, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 perfluoroalkyl, and alkylsilyl; x and y are different amino ligands; x is from 1 to 5; y is from 1 to 5; and x+y is equal to the oxidation state of metal M.

Claims 38-85 previously canceled.

Claim 86 is currently canceled.

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87. (new) A CVD precursor composition for forming a thin film dielectric on a substrate, such precursor composition including at least one metalloamide source reagent compound having a formula:

 $M(NR^1R^2)_x$

wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: Hf, Y, La, Lanthanide series elements, and Ta; N is nitrogen each of R^1 and R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, perfluoroaryl, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 perfluoroalkyl, and alkylsilyl; x is from 1 to 5 and equal to the oxidation state of metal M.

- 88. (new) The CVD precursor composition of claim 87, wherein M is Ta.
- 89. (new) The CVD precursor composition of claim 87, wherein M is Y
- 90. (new) The CVD precursor composition of claim 88, selected from the group consisting of Ta(NEt₂)₅, Ta(NEt₂)₅, Ta(NMeEt)₅, and Ta(NMe₂)₅.
- 91. (new) The CVD precursor composition of claim 87, selected from the group consisting of Y(NMe₂)₃ and Y(NEt₂)₃.